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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT NOON PRESS BRIEFING
JULY 26 DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS.Q

QUOTE:

Q: THERE IS A REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR TASCA WILL BE

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RETURNING FROM EUROPE FOR CONSULTATIONS. IS THAT TRUE?

A: I KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR THAT NOW.

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY POSITION ON THE TURKISH REINFORCEMENT OF FORCES IN CYPRUS?

A: ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE PARTIES, BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOCUS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS REMAINS IN GENEVA, AND WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE GUARANTOR POWER REPRESENTATIVES THERE.

Q: TO PUT IT MORE DIRECTLY, HAS THE UNITED STATES URGED THE TURKS TO STOP EITHER THE REINFORCEMENT OR ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT?

A: I AM JUST IN A POSITION HERE WHERE I CAN'T REALLY GO BEYOND WHAT I TOLD YOU, THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE PARTIES.

Q: I'D LIKE TO PURSUE THAT A LITTLE BIT. YESTERDAY THE SECRETARY SAID THAT MR. BUFFUM WAS GOING TO GENEVA AS AN OBSERVER, BUT WITH THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF BEING THERE IF ANY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED NEEDED HIS ADVICE OR COUNSEL OR INPUT. THEREFORE, WHAT KIND OF ADVICE OR COUNSEL OR INPUT IS HE PREPARED TO GIVE ON THIS ISSUE?

A: THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS THE OTHER SPONSORS OF THE UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CEASEFIRE AND THE CONVENTION OF THE GUARANTOR POWER TALKS IN GENEVA, URGED IN MOST EARNEST TERMS RESTRAINT ON ALL PARTIES, AND THAT WOULD BE VERY GENERALLY THE BRIEF THAT MR. BUFFUM HAS.

Q: THERE ARE ALSO TWO OTHER ELEMENTS TO THAT SAME RESOLUTION, NAMELY, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 650 GREEK OFFICERS AND OF THE TURKISH FORCES. WHAT IS BEING DONE TO IMPLEMENT THOSE TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION?

A: THIS IS, AS I SAY, IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, UNDER CONSIDERATION IN GENEVA.

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Q: COULD YOU TAKE IT A LITTLE FURTHER IN TERMS OF THIS "IN TOUCH"? YOU MENTIONED THAT OUR MAN IN GENEVA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GUARANTOR POWERS THERE. BUT, HAVE WE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECTLY -- THAT IS, WASHINGTON TO ANKARA, FOR INSTANCE?

A: YES. THERE AGAIN, GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE BEEN

IN TOUCH IN ALL THE CAPITALS.

Q: IS OUR TELEPHONE DIPLOMACY STILL GOING ON?

A: THE MAIN FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS IS WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS NOW IN GENEVA.

Q: WE ARE NOT IN TOUCH WITH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT?

A: NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Q: ONE LOOSE END, BACK ON THE TURKISH THING. DOES THE
U.S. HAVE, OF ITS OWN, ANY INFORMATION, ANYTHING TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THE TURKS ARE REINFORCING THEIR CON-
TINGENT ON CYPRUS OR WHETHER THEY ARE SIMPLY RESUPPLYING?

THE REASON I ASK IS THAT ONE TURKISH GENERAL SAID THAT
THEY WERE JUST RESUPPLYING THEM AND NOT REINFORCING THEM.
DOES THE U.S. HAVE ANYBODY OVER THERE THAT IS WATCHING
THE SITUATION TO THAT EXTENT?

A: I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT LAST QUESTION. TO THE
BASIC QUESTION, THOUGH, I JUST WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION
TO DESCRIBE THAT ACTIVITY TO YOU OR FOR YOU. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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